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NWS Partners Webinar

NCEP Web Services

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Today's Webinar Agenda

- Welcome and logistics
- Overview of NCEP web services and issues and mitigation options
- Open discussion
- Wrap-up



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- We are recording the webinar for posting later.



Welcome to our Presenters



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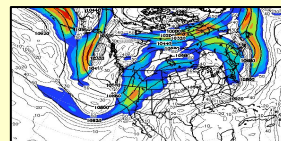
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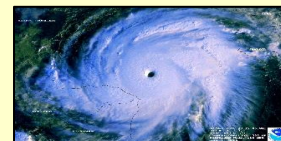
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NCEP Web Services and Issues

- Network bandwidth is insufficient to meet public Web dissemination demands within 1 data center
- NWS websites* must be deployed across both the primary and backup sites simultaneously in order to meet customer demand
 - Consequently, there is no full backup capability for these services
- The impact of this situation today is that NOMADS, a heavy user of network bandwidth, is taken down in order to perform maintenance or during operation issues. **Availability will decrease as demand for NOMADS data increases.**
- We are here to discuss mitigating this issue with you.


*https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdf2/pns20-85ncep_web_access.pdf



Mitigation Options



NCEP is recommending that we limit the rate of user access requests to prevent the situation from getting worse

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- Analysis was done of the average usage pattern across several websites
 - Based on the data, our suggestion would be to lower the threshold for all websites to 60 hits/minute
 - The data indicates the new limit would impact heavy usage, but wouldn't have any effect on 75% of our users
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- Other options considered

Open Discussion

Please use the **question box** or **hand-raise option**.





If we don't get to you, enter your comment in the "Questions" box or email NCO Implementation and Data Services Branch Chief Carissa Klemmer at idp.feedback@noaa.gov

- Comments being accepted through December 18, 2020



Wrap Up - What's coming

- Academia Roundtable Discussion: Weather-Ready Nation [Winter 2021]
 - Partner calls with NWS Deputy Director [Ongoing]
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THANK YOU!!

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